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## WOMAN'S UNION MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF AMERICA.

This Society was organized in 1860, and is the pioneer of Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies in America.

It is undenominational, and so it presents a united Christian front to the heathen world.

It is carried on entirely by women, with unsalaried officers.

Its aim is the salvation and elevation of heathen women.

"Win for Christ," its motto.

IN Japan we learn "that the Government is anxious to build up a healthy national life. The Minister of Education advises a close relation between religion and education, and by his regulation, Christian schools enjoy practically all the privileges granted to government institutions of the same grade."

AMONG changes in China is a significant one that "Chinese women in the Canton provinces have been admitted to the franchise and to the provincial assembly. Chinese women physicians and trained nurses are everywhere in demand. Equal opportunity of higher education is to be provided for women, but with changed position and privileges of woman it is essential to impress upon her that the elevation of the home is the true goal of all social service."

IN a thoughtful article in the *International Review of Missions* by T. R. Glover (classical lecturer of St. John's College, Cambridge, England) occur these pregnant words: "The misery of the heathen world is notorious, if we care to inform ourselves." "They are happy and contented in a sort of way," said a missionary to women around Benares, "but they are not happy."

THE *Indian Social Reformer* of Bombay gives at the Seventh United Province Social Conference striking resolutions on education and position of women.

"This Conference is strongly of opinion that every effort should be made to promote and expand the education of women—elementary, secondary and higher—in these provinces, and considers it the duty of all educated Indians to take steps for the improvement of existing schools and for the establishment of new ones.

"In the opinion of this Conference woman's progress in any sphere of life is absolutely impossible, unless and until *purdah* is done away with.

"This Conference is of opinion that girls should not be married before they are sixteen and young men before they have completed their education, and in no case before the age of twenty-one.

"This Conference is strongly of opinion that the injustice of prohibiting young widows in certain castes from re-marrying should be removed, and that those who re-marry should not be excommunicated.

"This Conference places on record its conviction that the institution of caste is obstructive to the progress of the Hindus towards the ideal of a united nation, and urges that inter-dining without distinction of caste, and intermarriages between different sects of the same castes, as also between members of the same caste in the different provinces of the country, should be actively promoted."

AT a crowded public meeting in Karachi of all persons in sympathy with the social reform movement, Mr. Chandumal, speaking on "Education of Women," said that in olden times in the high Hindu families women were given high and proper education. For a Hindu particularly, education of women, was a factor on which the happiness of his life solely depended, as girls would be the mothers of the community and upon their education and enlightenment depended the quality of our future citizens.



MATILDA DOUW FOUNDATION

## IN EASTERN LANDS.

CHINA—SHANGHAI  
 IN THE MATILDA DOUW FOUNDATION  
 By MISS MARY J. IRVINE

**W**E ARE beginning to have a real rest, and home-like feeling, as we settle in our new and beautiful house. To look back and think of Miss Douw, whose gift to our Society has made this home possible, makes us truly thank God and take courage, for "They shall abundantly utter the memory of thy great goodness." When we think of the faith and good works of our pioneer Missionaries, their lives are to us a continual inspiration. The location of the work of The Woman's Union Missionary Society in Shanghai is usually known as the West Gate District. Now there is no longer any West Gate, as the old city wall has disappeared, and in its place a long and well paved wide boulevard encircles what was called the old city.

The Chinese Municipality has changed the appearance of everything.

Here is our Margaret Williamson Hospital, a large group of red brick buildings faced with gray, which can be reached by trolley car. At the terminus is our Home for Medical Workers, known as Stevenside. Here we alight from the car and go south towards the Arsenal and Whang-poo river. Within five minutes' walk you can reach our new premises in a secluded spot, seven hundred feet from the main road, which leads to the Arsenal.

The new building is situated on the southwest corner of the lot, thus giving the Chinese students full benefit of the lovely open space which affords recreation and fresh air. No one can enter our gate without an exclamation of surprise and delight at the adaptability of the location, to our work for women.

We realize how for years God has been at work for us preparing this lovely spot, all that our heart could desire. Nothing could possibly give to the heart of our kind donor

more pleasure than to see the work, which is just as it were beginning in this new place. Now that we have our new house, which gives a suitable, comfortable home for the Evangelists who are to guide the work, we can pray that an increased number of women may be raised up especially prepared to be our co-workers.

Our first Chinese building, the gift in memory of Mrs. Richard A. Allen, gives us accommodation as a permanent home for a number of Chinese women, resident and day students.

All who wish to share with us in the work can do so, in two ways: first by prayer, second by sending us a gift sufficient to support one of our women or to share with some one else in doing so. We desire that this year the number of those women who publish the good news shall increase. In no way can we do greater honor to the memory of her who has preceded us in service than by emulating her grand example. Miss Matilda Douw gave herself, unstintingly and ungrudgingly, to the work of spreading the good news among Chinese women. Now that she has left the work for us to carry on shall we not do so with the same unselfish faith and holy inspiration? It is one of the precious remembrances we have of the donor, to have seen her thirteen years ago, living in a Chinese house, giving herself so enthusiastically for the uplifting of her less favored sisters of Sinim. It was Sunday afternoon in Peking, the room was filled to overflowing with women and children. It was truly the multitude to whom she was giving the bread of life. This desire we pray may fully possess all our workers. May our prayers to this end make the fulfillment of it possible, for this, we are certain, was her ambition in life.

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone; but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit."

We have lost from our women's class one of our very brightest and most promising students. We rejoice to think of Mrs. Tsa's conversion. When we first met her she was a patient in our Margaret Williamson Hospital. Her case seemed incurable but she was not discouraged. She said, on leaving us, "I am trusting Jesus whether to live or to die." She prayed earnestly, and knew her prayer was answered. Some weeks later we visited her in her own home. All the neighbors had heard of her becoming a Christian. The room was

crowded with women who had gathered in that upper chamber, for all expected to hear more of this "Jesus Doctrine". Nobody doubted the reality of her Christian Discipleship. Every one was interested in the book she was reading, "Talks on the Doctrine," a precious treasure, giving comfort to the reader. Jesus was to her a living personality; with Him she had real fellowship, for He was more to her than any earthly friend.

Her husband, impressed with the change that had come into her life, said to her, "Your disposition is changed." Later, when very ill in her home, friends and neighbors besought her to call on the name of the idols she had formerly trusted in. Firm in her refusal, she prayed earnestly that she might be permitted to become a student in our School. On beginning her studies, we found her a very bright student, whose spirit was so illuminated she grasped quickly Scriptural truths. During the year and a half she was a student with us we were often struck with her sweet and child-like faith as she led in voluntary prayer. It was her great ambition to become a worker with us, to make known Christ to others.

When in conversation with her we expressed our hope that she make known Christ to other patients, her face was radiant. At the end of the week she left us to go to her home, as she was in the habit of doing, and we little thought or expected that this was the last time. We found on visiting her, a few days later, that soon she would be with her Saviour. It is a precious memory to have had the privilege of seeing her. Peace filled her heart during those last hours on earth. She gave strict instructions in regard to her burial. Her husband and mother were called to her bedside, and no idolatrous doings were to be allowed. "I have Jesus with me," she said. "He is my Saviour—I lack nothing." Many friends and neighbors gathered to express sympathy for her and said as they came to the funeral, "She always told us what she had learned from you Christians." To those neighbors she was a real Dorcas. It was pathetic to have her mother come to us a week after her death and beg of us to tell her what we Christians did for the dead. "For," said she, "her husband respects her memory. He will do whatever you tell us." Would that I could make real to you this experience as to us who witnessed it. With sorrow we think of the sincerity of many of the people who yet are in ignorance of the way of Salvation, because they have had no opportunity to hear it.

## INDIA—CAWNPORE

## NATIVE CONVENTIONS

By MISS C. M. BEACH

WITHIN the past months I have attended two native Conventions that to me meant far more than the direct results of the addresses given.

The first was for the deepening of the spiritual life of the Indian Christian Community largely planned for the villages in the Mainpuri District. Delegations came from ten to fifty or seventy-five miles distance. For two years the U. P. Christian Endeavor Society has held their annual meeting in connection with it. This year one of the principal workers of the Layman Missionary Society (the Student Volunteer Movement in India) was present and gave a report of his work. Beside the general meetings, where from six to seven hundred men, women and children were assembled, there were held group meetings under trees or on verandas, or in one portion of a tent. Here were Bible-women, there school-teachers, in another place boys who had not yet made the great decision for Christ, while in another was a large gathering for men who were being instructed in the best ways of conducting such meetings on a smaller scale in their various fields of labor.

For two days there was an animated discussion about the food of low caste Christians, and we found there was much feeling on the subject. Being Christians raised them above eating the food given to their caste; still some, for the sake of their companions, fought for their rights, as alas! the giving of food was being used as a means of persecution. As I listened, I felt their counsel was to the Christian Church of to-day much the same as the counsel about circumcision at Jerusalem was to the Apostolic Church! In fact, not only this question, but many others, are arising as people seek to be free from heathen customs that have been binding them for years.

The other convention was the United Provinces S. S. Convention held here at Cawnpore in October, and one felt "convention in the air" for days. Delegates came from various places, some from cities, but a goodly number from villages. Flags, badges and hymn-sheets, also a large tent, drew attention to the fact that something unusual was going on, but as I sat here and realized that to a great extent our Indian friends were responsible for the selection of subjects and also in giving the addresses, I could not but contrast things as they are to-day with those when I

first came to India only nineteen years ago. Then it was with difficulty that missionaries could find any native capable of giving a paper on subjects, and would not think of asking one of them to act as chairman. The whole burden of any meeting came with full force on the Missionary.

This year we sat and listened to discussions as to the best time of year for the next Convention to be held and points of parliamentary ruling were handled as well as if Europeans had been in the chair. If I mistake not, the majority of the Executive Committee are Indian Christians. Several of the papers and addresses this year were by Indian Christians, and of the 450 people in attendance not more than twenty-five were Europeans.

That you may record some of the notes struck let me write "Echoes of the Convention" as they were given the next Saturday by my Bible women at our weekly meeting. I had not told them they would be asked to report, but after we were assembled I said I would like to know what had made the greatest impression on them.

The following was the result: Several spoke of the necessity of loving the children, which had been dwelt upon with a good deal of stress, also that we were not to attempt to teach too much at one time. Another said "Go with prayer." Another, "Get full yourself, then you can give to others." Several spoke of being thoroughly prepared and making the lesson interesting to a particular class of children. "Get into touch with the parents." "Teach even one and so teach that it will stay in the mind and do not let pupils go until you are sure they have it." "Get in the lives of the children." "We go in weakness, so go in prayer and in the power of the Holy Spirit, then we shall succeed."

Would twelve workers in a like gathering in America, when asked two days after a Convention, with no preparation, have been able to give ideas they had received? I think not. So we all will take courage and go forward in our work with hope.

## FÄTEHPUR

"THE LITTLE WOMAN OF BILLANDAR"

By DR. MINA MCKENZIE

IN THE January MISSIONARY LINK a reference was made to "The Little Woman of Billandar." Would you care to hear a little more of that brave witness for the master?

She is a frail little woman, and has been under treatment at our Memorial Dispensary in Fātehpur for some time. This has given her a blessed opportunity of hearing and understanding the Word. It was a great pleasure to watch Surti's eager, happy eyes as some new truth was unfolded to her or she mastered some precious text. She could neither read nor write, and on this precious word of God she lived while she was absent from us.

The village of Billandar is six miles from Fātehpur and often the little woman with great difficulty and fatigue walked that distance, or when fortunate got a ride from some kindly traveler. I said fortunate, but is it not that the Master watched over His child and gave her the needed strength, or the ride as His love saw best, for is she not a chosen vessel to bear His name to her people?

You heard before how she had been beaten, imprisoned and starved, yet her faith grew brighter and stronger. With loving tact she brought her sons to meet us that they too might hear the Gospel. She lived such a consecrated life that her husband also became convinced that there must be some stronger, deeper power than her own helping her, and he who had once persecuted her now gave up his idols and asked to be instructed in the Word.

Although Dr. Spencer has more demands on her strength and time than the reader can estimate, from the Memorial Dispensary, Lily Lytle Broadwell Hospital, and an out-practice ranging through the entire District of Fātehpur, saying nothing of the care and training of the nurses, yet because the Master's passion for souls burned deep within her she went to teach this family the word of God.

Hear the good news. This little woman, not satisfied that her own household should hear, called together her friends and relatives and when they were collected, went herself to bring Dr. Spencer to give them the Gospel.

Perhaps you would like to know how Dr. Spencer traveled to Billandar—with Daisy and a road cart. I will describe it to you in her own words. "My arm nearly aches, Daisy is such a scamp. Soon no one will dare to drive with me. The nurses remind me of the children in the 'Story Girl' who tried to eat sour apples serenely. Even Kashmi gasps 'Oh my'—can't you hear her?—so I know the others must be quaking inwardly, while Julie settles down in that do or die sort of fashion that is certainly commendatory under certain circumstances, that cannot be avoided."

Kashmi and I went to Billandar. Surti was in and said her relatives were all collected and she wanted me to come and sing hymns and teach them. The Master was working there and I had to go as the opportunity was too good to lose. There were seventy or eighty persons gathered and all listened intently. Surti's earnest, frank faith is wonderful. I am going to suggest baptism at the first opportunity now. Pray for this very especially, that it may be the beginning of a growing movement there! If God shows Surti clearly that it is her duty to be baptized, she will obey when it is her conviction that it is His will.

Can you not see the fields white to harvest? Pray the Lord of the Harvest that His Holy Spirit may work mightily through Dr. Spencer and "The Little Woman of Billandar", so that a large ingathering of souls may be reaped from the District of Fātehpur for His glory and their everlasting good.

#### PERSONALS

*India, Jhansi*—Dr. Mary Getty writes: I am in Jhansi, trying to understand the work and the native people. It is all so strange—things are so different that the first few days I did not know what to think. Miss McCunn and Miss McLean have been most kind and patient with me. The Mary S. Ackerman Hoyt and Maria Ackerman Hoyt Hospitals are remarkable and reflect credit upon those who have built and maintained them. I cannot say much about the actual work in this short time, but feel certain that this is a good way to reach the women and children. Miss McCunn and Miss McLean are doing all they can in this Christian Service. Dr. Meek has been going over the work at the Hospital with me, and we have a patient on whom we will operate. This is a great work among the natives, and I trust that my share of it on behalf of the women of India may bring forth good fruit.

*Allahabad*—Miss Bertsch writes: One of Miss Wishart's pupils, a young Mohammedan Begam, was married last month at the age of twenty-two. She will go to her husband's home at Khaga next month, and as that station is not very far—by train—from Fātehpur, she is hoping some one from there may occasionally find time to teach her. She is comparing her religion—concerning which she knew little—with the Bible, and we are praying that the light may break in upon her heart.

## HERE AND THERE

AND THE DAYS GLIDE BY

**T**O THOSE of us who saw the launching of our frail little bark in 1860, it is deeply interesting to note how it has passed through storm and stress into quieter waters, laden with a freightage of results which increase as the years pass.

These thoughts came to us at the celebration of our fifty-third anniversary which was held January 21st. Our missionaries on furlough were of great stimulus in representing their various fields of labor, Dr. Alice L. Ernst bringing us a glimpse into the activities that surround our Mary S. Ackerman Hoyt and Maria Ackerman Hoyt Hospitals in Jhansi, India; Miss Clara Alward, one of our Evangelists in Japan, and Dr. Mina McKenzie, the surgeon-in-chief of our Lily Lytle Broadwell Hospital in Fātehpur, India. It was interesting to note how each emphasized the imperative duty of evangelism in connection with every phase of mission work, that the masses may be brought under the spell of the Gospel. Myriads are searching for the blessings which will make their pitiful lives endurable, and welcome the blessing only possible in the redeeming love of the Saviour.

Equally stirring messages were brought from friends who have visited the Far East and have seen our accomplishments in India and China. Mrs. Justin E. Abbott, who is now especially identified with Calcutta, as its Secretary, unfolded our opportunities in the Gardner Memorial School and the Orphanage in that centre of Indian activities; Mrs. E. G. Hall, the mother of Miss Anne G. Hall, who with Miss Katharine Abby, conduct the Bridgman Memorial and day schools in Shanghai, gave a glowing sketch of the possibilities for the women and girls of China when brought under the magnetic power of the Divine Teacher. Nothing could be stronger than her plea that mothers might consecrate their children to the glad service that knows no bounds nor nations.

The message of our closing service was the exposition of passages in the Acts of the Apostles, by Rev. William Walton Clark, whose interest in our Union Society dated from the organization of our Albany, N. Y., Branch by his mother.

The mission of the Holy Spirit was emphasized as the great Inspirer of all uplift-

ing work in the world, especially in the problem of bringing the human race to the Saviour. Long will this message ring in the ears of those privileged to hear it, as we face the unknown days of a New Year.

### THE WAY OF PROGRESS

By JULIA HAND BRONSON

**I**T HAS been said by some one that all Progress is "Spiral," never straightforward, sometimes indeed the movement seeming to be backward; nevertheless the tendency is steadily upward.

Last Saturday I saw a wonderful advance step that inspired me with admiration; and that same day my attention was drawn to an editorial published in the leading Tokyo newspaper, outlining a religious program for Korea which, if it reflects the sentiment of the Japanese people, fills me with dismay.

The step forward was the first public meeting of the first Womans' Board of Missions in Japan. This meeting was held in Tokyo, where the Board has its headquarters, and was a wonderful gathering of representative Japanese Christian women. Madame Watanabe, whose husband is Baron Watanabe, the well-known Christian Chief-Justice of Korea, was in the chair, presiding with grace and dignity. (I cannot refrain from adding here what doubtless most of us know, that Justice Watanabe sits only in civil cases and so had no voice in this last unjust decision in the famous conspiracy case.) The meeting went on beautifully—no mistakes—no confusion; women with many more years of training in the conduct of public meetings could have done no better. A woman read the Scripture—another offered prayer—another gave the history of the movement leading to the formation of the Board six months ago. We then had addresses from two leading Japanese clergymen of Tokyo, the first a stimulating message from the text, "Greater works than these shall ye do." The next speaker interested me very much, for he gave a very illuminating talk on Women's Boards in Western lands, and of course began with the story of Dr. David Abeel, Mrs. Doremus, and the formation of our own Woman's Union Missionary Society. Mention was made of the fact that we are at present working in three countries, and very kind reference was made to our Mission at 212 Bluff in Yokohama. The meeting was entirely in Japanese and by Japanese, the only



"foreigner" appearing on the platform being the daughter of a veteran missionary, herself a resident of Japan for fifty-four years, who came to bring our Western greetings.

All this, after half a century of Christian missions in Japan! These things do fill one with hope and courage.

We know that our Society in the homeland will take this new work upon its heart in prayer. Like ours, it is the pioneer of all Woman's Boards in the country. Like ours in those early days, it faces very grave difficulties as it moves out upon an unbeaten path. Like our Society of fifty years ago, it goes forward by faith alone, having no human help and relying upon Divine strength and wisdom to supply its need. But it lacks so much that we had. It lacks the Christian background of years and centuries. It lacks Christian training and experience. It lacks environment. It unfurls its banner, not in a Christian land, but at the gateway of the far East with its millions and millions still lying in darkness, and in a great city that is a very centre of Buddhism and Shintoism, Agnosticism and Atheism; and in the midst of indifference and hostility. Do not they need the succor of our prayers in this splendid daring enterprise that is but another instance of the heroic faith of women?

The translation of the editorial in the *Yomiuri Shimbun* of November 28th would fill too great a space here, but briefly its substance is this; I give it in the words of an American daily paper published here: "The writer would secure Korean loyalty by religion. He recognizes the need of a religion broad enough to include Koreans and Japanese, and would find this in a modified form of Shintoism which as a monistic pantheism must be relied upon for the tranquilization of the Far East. The writer sees that Japanese nationalism cannot be thrust upon the Koreans. But by means of a comprehensive Shintoism, he would unify Korea and Japan, brooking no local or popular opposition which might arise in Korea. He would give place for a certain freedom of the popular will in Japan proper. But in Korea, respect should be directed to the propagandists of this broader loyalism."

Is this too in the line of Progress? The only comfort I can derive from it, is that in this country, where the tendency is so overwhelmingly toward materialism, there are Japanese who still feel the necessity of religion in the scheme of things. To this editor religion seems the only solvent in the difficult

task of amalgamation with Korea. Our pioneer Woman's Board of Japan faces a thousand problems such as this one as it launches its little craft, and plans for work here and in Korea, and Formosa, and to the uttermost parts of the earth. As my heart goes out to them in sympathy and prayer, some words spoken long ago, by One who spake as never man spake, ring persistently in my ears:

"Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom."

#### ATTITUDE TOWARD THE JAPANESE.

By MISS CLARA ALWARD.

**A**FTER six years' service in Japan, I was struck with the attitude of the people of the Pacific Coast toward the Japanese. It is not hidden, nor is it unfelt by the Japanese. A fine young man, related to one of our former teachers whom I visited in California, said: "I would like to go with you to show you the way, but it is better I should not be on the street with you and I will telephone for some one to meet you."

The feeling, however, seemed popular rather than personal, stimulated by journalism. A business man said that personally he preferred the Japanese, and would have no other in his home when he could secure them. A bank cashier when asked the reasons for his seemingly unkind remarks replied that he had no personal objections to the Japanese, but by living economically they were making labor too cheap. When suggested that the American might be as well off with fewer luxuries he admitted that the suggestion was good, but not to his liking.

In Portland, visiting the prayer meeting in the Japanese Mission, I met more than twenty men earnestly taking part in singing and prayer. It was the best prayer meeting yet found and I received the warmest welcome—until reaching my old home church.

In Seattle I visited another teacher who was waiting for me at the station. The information agent took especial care to look up for me the address of a friend who was a banker, but a cloud of disgust covered his face when I said I was first going home with my Japanese friend. Nevertheless I enjoyed my visit and received many kind attentions in the home, such as we often neglect. I also was happy to find that our friend's husband is a fine strong man, who has studied conditions from all sides, and is broad and generous in his views.



THE GRADUATING CLASS OF 1913 BIBLE TRAINING SCHOOL, 212 BLUFF, YOKOHAMA

## FOR MISSION BANDS.

### FIELD DAY.

By FLORENCE A. WELLS.

**W**E have just celebrated our Autumn Field Day at 212 Bluff, Yokohama. All Japanese schools have a fall outing, but we have such pretty grounds that we thought it would be pleasant to take our outing in our own garden and make it a day for parents to come and get acquainted with us over a cup of Japanese tea.

Japanese parents are a little shy and extremely busy, so we thought that if we should call on them, giving them a personal invitation, they would make a special effort to come to our Field Day.

In America, first calls may be short ones; not so in Japan, for here the universe assumes a slow and stately motion and social life must keep the same pace. We congratulated ourselves when, after two weeks, we found that we had made fifty-nine calls.

My own visits were in the homes of girls nearly on the border land of poverty and yet

keep their daughters in school. Many trades were represented by these homes—the lacquer-goods merchant, the hotel janitor, the charcoal-dealer, tailor, haberdasher and second-hand bookstore keeper.

Some of their places were difficult to find, owing to the system of numbering houses in Japanese cities. Each ward has a name, each four-square block has a number, and each house in the block has a sub-number. The girls, however, tried to remove this difficulty by escorting me to the next house.

Their cordiality ranged from no tea at all to two bowls of Japanese macaroni. In one place the old grandmother offered me a pipe and tobacco. Most of the parents offered apologies for sending such impolite and selfish girls to trouble us in our school, but that is the proper attitude for a Japanese parent to take when a child is under discussion, no matter how proud of the child the parent may be. I was glad I could fervently assure the anxious fathers and mothers of the gentleness and diligence of their daughters.

Largely as a result of our calls there were more than forty who accepted our invitations to our Field Day celebration. They enjoyed the games on the lawn, and also seemed pleased to go about the school-buildings looking into the rooms where their daughters spend so many busy, happy hours of every week. From every possible point of view Field Day was a success. Perfect weather, self-forgetting teachers, interested guests, and, as one girl wrote in her English diary, "it was a very, very pleasant day because everybody did the best they could."

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#### BY TRAIN.

By S. A. PRATT.

WHEN going by train to one of our preaching-places in Japan with a Bible-School graduate we passed a number of stations where our Bible women are working. First came Hodogaya, where faithful old Mrs. Suryoshi and a younger woman are doing a flourishing work, and they stood by the crossroads waving their hands. At Fujisarva two graduates came to the platform and said, "Teacher, the work is growing beautifully here; we are so happy." At another station the wife of the Pastor, who has a fine work in the large factories, came to the train for a few words.

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#### THANKSGIVING DAY

By MARY E. TRACY

FOR some years our girls have brought on Thanksgiving Day offerings of food, clothing or money. The table in Pierson Chapel was filled with clothes and vegetables, great sacks of sweet potatoes were on the floor and the little money box was very heavy. The girls made bags, divided the things given into portions for thirty families, buying rice with some of the money contributed.

One teacher had asked at the police office about some needy families, and it was a most pitiable sight to see those poor creatures; one blind old woman, an old man with the palsy, children who had lost their mother, and every one evidently in great want. I think there was scarcely a dry eye among us, and it was beautiful to see the girls so interested, and all glad to help in giving to those in such want. I am sure that all will enjoy their own Christmas much better for having helped some one else.

#### VISIT TO THE HINDU SCHOOL.

By ONE OF OUR PUPILS.

OUR Gardner Memorial School had holiday on the Fourth of July, as we belong to Americans. That was an opportunity for me to visit the four different schools in Calcutta for Hindu girls, which our Mission superintends. Most of the teachers of these schools stay in our Orphanage, but all gather at Doremus House every day at 10 o'clock. Miss Norton has a little prayer with them before they start. After the prayer the teachers and I got into a big 'bus which belongs to our school and started. On the way six of us went into one of these schools which is called Rajadanga. As soon as we entered the rooms, the girls stood up and said, "Good morning, teacher." They were dressed neatly and were clean. Many of them had silver and gold ornaments on and do not put on shoes. They are very particular about the dressing of their hair, in which they put combs and ornaments. I could not find a single girl who was more than ten years old.

At 11 o'clock the bell rang to begin the classes. I must tell you that there were five classes in that school, the highest being the fourth standard. First they had prayer and roll-call. Then different classes had their Bible lessons. The class where I spent my time was the fourth standard. Blessed be the Lord that He gave me such a chance to tell the girls something about Him. They have four different books for their Bible—Second Catechism, the Gospel of Mark, the Book of Psalms, and the "Wonderful Works of the Holy Spirit." The girls knew their Bible lesson well and paid great attention to their teacher's explanation. Not only do they know and understand the facts, but some of them try to apply them in their own lives. One of them said: "My brother does not worship idols, as there is no merit in them, but the sad thing is he does not go to church."

After the Bible Class they had their vernacular history, geography, mathematics and sewing classes.

At the close of their school they sang a song and repeated the Lord's Prayer. There is a woman who brings the children to school and takes them home again, because some of them are too little to manage themselves.

We girls of the Gardner Memorial School are praying much for them and hope you will help us by your prayers.

## RECEIPTS of the Woman's Union Missionary Society of America, from January 1 to January 31, 1914.

### ALLAHABAD, INDIA.

Mich.—Detroit, Mrs. Bertsch, for Miss Bertsch, \$10 00

### CALCUTTA.

Mass.—Northampton, Mrs. L. C. Scelye, for Orphanage, \$25 00  
 Conn.—New Haven, Mrs. F. B. Dexter, Theodosia D. Wheeler scholarship (Orphanage), 40 00  
 N. Y.—Brooklyn, Mrs. M. L. Patterson, for Basanta, 25.00; Primary dept. Bedford Pres. Ch., Mr. H. W. Drake, Treas., for orphan, 30.00; Brooklyn, Br. Miss E. L. Leggett, Treas., Shadomni, 25.00, 80 00  
 N. J.—Ridgewood, Mrs. F. H. White, Helen Eliza White scholarship, Gardner School, 5 00  
 Pa.—Phila., Mrs. John Marston, for Elizabeth Marston (orphan), 12 50  
 Total, \$162 50

### CAWNPORE.

Mary Avery Merriman School.

Mass.—Brockton, Mrs. H. K. Morrison, for Sundari, \$30 00  
 N. Y.—Albany, Mrs. L. M. Vrooman, for Charity John, 3.75; Brooklyn, Mrs. M. L. Patterson, for Muncie, 20.00; Mrs. J. E. Brown, for Ramabai, 20.00; Miss J. L. Atwater, for Parbatia, 15.00; New Brighton, Kingsley E. League—per Mrs. J. J. Wood, for Parbulia, 2.00; N. Y. City, Mrs. M. L. Holt, for Grace, 30.00, 90 75  
 Pa.—Phila., W. F. M. Soc., R. E. Ch., Mrs. A. E. Barnett, Treas., for Jane (Scranton, Grace Ch.), 30 00  
 Ill.—Byron Cong. S. S., Miss E. C. Knowlton, for Ganguli, 20 00  
 Texas—Harrisburg, Mrs. C. H. Milby, for Helena Jenney, 20 00  
 Calif.—Pasadena, Mrs. G. R. Ward, for repairs, 100.00; for Nora Murchi, 20.00; The Non Nobis Solum Soc. (Orton School), Miss E. A. Utl, Treas., for orphan, 20.00, 140 00  
 Total, \$330 75

### FÄTEHPUR.

Lily Lytle Broadwell Hospital.

N. Y.—Brooklyn, Miss E. E. McCartee, 25.00; Central Cong. Ch., 5.50; Spencer Mem'l Ch., 5.00; Bedford Pres. Ch., 3.50; per Dr. Mackenzie, Cold Springs, Hillside Band, Miss A. P. Wilson, 6.00; N. Y. City, Friend at An. Meeting, 100.00, both for district work, \$145 00  
 N. J.—Newark, Mrs. Wilsey, for B. woman, 100.00; Newark Br., 5.00; Mrs. Beal, 5.00; Annual, 2.00; Mrs. R. H. Allen, special for Dr. Mackenzie, 25.00; Summit, Mrs. F. S. Phraner, salary of Dr. Spencer, 600.00, 737 00  
 Pa.—Shippensburg, Miss Wise, for Dr. Spencer, 2 00  
 Ont.—Verschoyle, Mrs. M. M. Smith, for bed, 10 00  
 Total, \$894 00

### JHANSI.

Mary S. and Maria Ackerman Hoyt Hospitals.

Mass.—Hatfield, Real Folks' Band, Mrs. Roswell Billings, Treas., for nurse, \$50 00

N. Y.—Brooklyn, Mrs. M. L. Patterson, 50.00; N. Y. City, Mrs. F. H. Dodd, 50.00, for their nurses, 100 00  
 N. J.—Morristown, Mrs. F. W. Owen, for Conveyance fund, 50 00  
 Pa.—Shippensburg, per Dr. Mackenzie, 4 00  
 Total, \$204 00

### SHANGHAI, CHINA.

N. Y.—Brooklyn, Mrs. R. L. Cutter, evangelistic work, 100.00; Ossining, Miss E. B. Stone, salary of Miss E. Irvine, 700.00, \$800 00  
 Pa.—Robesonia, Mrs. S. E. Keiser, for pupil Bridgman Home, 5 00  
 Total, \$805 00

### YOKOHAMA, JAPAN.

N. Y.—Brooklyn, Mrs. Peter McCartee, 15.00; Corona, Leverich Mem'l Band, Mrs. M. Le Fort, Treas., 15.00, for their Bible women; Manhattan Br., Miss R. L. Freeman, Treas., for Y. W. C. Ass'n work, 50.00; N. Y. City, Miss Alletta Lent, Miss Crosby's work, 25.00, \$105 00  
 Pa.—Phila., Mrs. Joseph Barton's quarterly for B. woman, 15 00  
 Oregon—Silverton, Mrs. Effie Hosteller, for evangelistic work, 1 00  
 Total, \$121 00

### GENERAL FUND.

Mass.—North Billerica, Miss H. B. Rogers, 1.00; Mrs. E. R. Gould, 1.00, \$2 00  
 Conn.—New Haven, Mrs. F. B. Dexter's collection: Miss S. L. Bradley, 11.00; Mrs. T. G. Bennett, 35.00; Mrs. N. S. Bronson, 1.00; Mrs. F. B. Dexter, 10.00; Miss Dexter, 2.00; Mrs. D. C. Eaton, 2.00; Miss E. W. Farman, 10.00; Miss Scranton, 10.00; Mr. J. D. Wheeler, 20.00; Mrs. Eli Whitney, 10.00. Windsor, Mrs. F. V. Sill, Miss A. M. Sill, 50.00, 161 00  
 N. Y.—Albany Br., Miss Mary Gibson, 16.00; Astoria, Miss E. B. Smallwood, 5.00; Brooklyn Br., 15.00; Mrs. J. E. Brown, 10.00; Miss E. I. Dauchy, 20.00; N. Y. City, collection at An. meeting, 134.45; Mrs. E. E. Robinson, 20.00; Miss H. B. McHarg, 5.00; Rev. A. H. Allen, 100.00; Mrs. L. N. Chapin, 25.00; Mrs. J. Crosby Brown, 5.00; Plattsburg, Mrs. J. R. Meyers, 10.00, 365 45  
 N. J.—Princeton Br., Miss M. B. Howe, 1 00  
 Total, \$529 45

### SUBSCRIPTIONS TO MISSIONARY LINK.

Mrs. J. L. Simpson, .50; Mrs. C. W. Dexter, 2.00; Mrs. Elvira Gould, .50; Miss H. P. McHarg, .50; Miss M. E. Nixon, .50; Mrs. Bertsch, .50; Miss M. C. Jay, .50; Miss E. B. Smallwood, .50; Mrs. J. J. Wood, .50; Mrs. J. L. Roberts, .50; Miss A. P. Hastings, Treas., 1.00; Baltimore Br., 1.00; Miss F. B. Coursen, .50. Total, \$9.00.

### WILLING AND OBEDIENT BAND.

Rev. D. M. Stearns, Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa.

Calcutta—Mrs. L. A. Ross, for Bible woman, \$5 00  
 Cawnpore—Mrs. Fred Willenbrock, for worker, \$60 00  
 Drs. Blake and Schriener, for Dorcas, 20 00  
 Miss A. E. Richards, matron, 30 00  
 Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Stearns, for Hiri, 25 00  
 Total, \$135 00

Jhansi—Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Ramsburgh, for B. woman, 5.00; Mrs. Bayley, for boy, 1.00,	6 00
For Japan—Mrs. C. B. Penrose—Harada Shobi,	10 00
Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Fredericks—Suga Mori,	5 00
Miss Bessie Pike—Fumio Suga,	15 00
Miss A. E. Richards—Machie Fujita,	60 00
Miss M. F. Pauli—Ishi Watanabe,	60 00
In Mem. Mrs. F. S. Pauli—Hide Veda,	60 00
Miss A. V. Peebles—Yamamoto Take,	5 00
Miss A. R. Harper—Tei Muira,	15 00
Miss H. D. Boone—Kiku Yamane,	5 00
“Little daughter” per Mrs. W. C. Albertson—Ko. Sherasawas,	60 00
Mr. C. L. Hutchins—Kono Yoshida,	5 00
Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Ramsburgh—Kozukuye Station,	5 00
Miss E. C. Clephane—Shize Chiba,	60 00
Mr. and Mrs. Neilson Olcott—Moto Iwamara,	25 00
Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Voorhees—Hiroi Okubo,	60 00
Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Biscel—Chika Matsuoke,	5 00
Morristown First Presb’y Ch., Childen’s Miss. Soc., per	

Mr. O. C. Purden, for Jane Kido,	60 00
Miss Jennie Riegel—Watanabe Kin,	15 00
Total,	530 00
	\$706 00

SUMMARY.	
Allahabad,	\$10 00
Calcutta,	167 50
Cawnpore,	465 75
Fatehpur,	894 00
Jhansi,	210 00
China,	835 00
Japan,	651 00
General Fund,	529 45
LINK Subscriptions,	9 00
Total,	\$3,871 70
CLARA E. MASTERS, Ass’t Treas.	

JANUARY RECEIPTS OF PHILADELPHIA BRANCH.	
(Mrs. Wm. Waterall, Treas.)	
Interest on Schäffer Fund,	\$54 00
Interest on Leavitt Fund,	15 00
Interest on M. A. Boardman Fund,	25 00
Interest on Rachel Wetherill Fund,	25 00
Through Mrs. Farr, from Mrs. Goldsborough,	5 00
From Miss Greenough,	2 00
From Miss E. Howard Smith, for bed in Fatehpur (through Dr. Mina McKenzie).	10 00
Anniversary offertory,	36 02
Total,	\$172 02

RECEIPTS from February 1 to February 28, 1914

ALLAHABAD, INDIA.

Mass.—Boston Br., per Miss M. E. Magrath, Mrs. C. H. Jones, for worker,	\$200 00
N. Y.—N. Y. City, Mrs. C. A. McCready, for Zenana work,	10 00
N. J.—Fanwood and Scotch Plains Woman’s League, Mrs. A. Drake, Treas., for school, 7.00; Morrissetown, Mrs. F. G. Owen, 50.00; Miss E. M. Graves, for Mrs. Emerson, 50.00,	107 00
Pa.—Everett, Miss S. E. Wishart, 5.00; Wayne, Mrs. Robert Le Boutillier, for school, 300.00.	305 00
Total,	\$622 00

CALCUTTA.

N. Y.—N. Y. City, Manhattan Br., Miss R. L. Freeman, Treas., for Pearl (orphan),	20 00
N. J.—Ridgewood, Mrs. F. H. White, Helen Eliza White scholarship, 5.00; Slackwood, Union S. S., Mrs. W. J. Gray, for orphan, 10.00,	15 00
Pa.—Phila. Br., Mrs. Wm. Waterall, Treas., Mrs. J. Lewis Crozer, Mary A. Stotesbury scholarship,	30 00
Total,	\$65 00

CAWNPORE.  
Mary Avery Merriman School.

N. H.—Concord, per Mrs. James Minot, Miss H. M. Woods, Miss E. M. Pearson, Mrs. C. B. Wentworth, for Rhoda,	\$3 00
Mass.—Amherst, Mrs. A. D. Morse, for Kassia,	20 00
N. Y.—Brooklyn, Mrs. C. P. Ackerman, for Lydia Dean, 15.00; Spencer Mem’l Ch. Jr. Mission Band, for Emma, 10.00; Newburgh, East Leptondale Chapel, per Miss E. M. Wells, for Sunia, 12.00; New Dorp, Miss Edna Osborn, for Ghenda, 20.00,	57 00
Ohio—Hebron, Miss Ella Finefrock, for Daisy,	15 00
Total,	\$95 00

FATEHPUR.

Lily Lytle Broadwell Memorial Hospital.

N. Y.—N. Y. City, Mrs. Jefferson Hogan,	\$5 00
Pa.—Phila., per Dr. MacKenzie, Mrs. C. de B. L. Bright (special), 5.00; Miss Howard-Smith, 10.00; Mrs. H. K. Morrison, 10.00; both to furnish beds, The Misses Rose, 5.00; Miss Brandmore, 1.00; Mrs. Young, 1.00; Miss Horton, .40; Miss Elcott and Friend, .70, for Gospels; Wayne, Mrs. R. Le Boutillier, for nurse, 50.00.	83 10
<i>Rescue Work.</i>	
N. Y.—Brooklyn, Mrs. R. L. Cutter, 100.00; Mrs. Peter McCarter, 25.00, both for Miss Durrant’s salary,	125 00
Pa.—Wayne, Mr. and Mrs. R. Le Boutillier,	100 00
Total,	\$313 10

JHANSI.

N. Y.—Clifton Springs, A Friend, toward bed, 2.50; N. Y. City, Miss E. S. Coles, 5.00; Mrs. M. J. Hamlin, for nurse, 50.00,	\$57 50
Pa.—Phila., 13th St. M. E. Ch. C. E. Soc., 15.77; Mrs. Pfortreher, 10.00; St. Paul’s R. E. Ch., 3.75, all for Conveyance Fund,	20 52
Total,	\$78 02

SHANGHAI, CHINA.

N. Y.—Syracuse, Mrs. Robert Townsend, special for Miss Oggsbury, Amoy,	\$10 00
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YOKOHAMA, JAPAN.

N. Y.—N. Y. City, A Friend, for Miss Pratt’s salary,	\$600 00
Pa.—Phila. Br., for Bible woman’s support (1913), 60.00; Westchester, Miss Catherine Shee (special), 2.00,	62 00
Md.—Baltimore, Mrs. M. W. Gisriel, for Bible woman,	60 00
Total,	\$722 00

THE MISSIONARY LINK.

GENERAL FUND.

Mass.—Boston Br., per Miss M. E. Magrath, 13.37; Miss F. Cunningham, 10.00,	\$23 37
Conn.—New Haven Br., Mrs. F. B. Dexter, Treas.; Miss Rose Munger.	5 00
N. Y.—Amsterdam, Miss J. A. C. Harmon, 5.00; Brooklyn Br., Miss N. R. Nelson, 50.00; N. Y. City Bible Society, Mr. J. H. Schmelzel, Treas., for advertisement in MISSIONARY LINK, 10.00; A Friend, 300.00; Mrs. A. G. Ropes, 5.00; Mrs. E. H. Jones, freight fund, 10.00; Lawrence, two "Shining Lights Band," Mrs. H. L. Pierson, 50.00; Smithtown, Miss P. N. Tyler, 1.00; Syracuse, Mrs. R. Townsend, 50.00.	481 00
N. J.—Morristown, Mrs. F. G. Burnham, for Dr. Ernst, expenses,	2 00
Pa.—Westchester, Miss Catherine Shee,	2 00
Total,	\$513 37

SUBSCRIPTIONS TO MISSIONARY LINK.

Mrs. Theo. Smith, .50; Miss Catherine Shee, 1.00; Miss A. R. Stephenson, .50; Miss Hetty Smith, 1.00. Total,	\$3 00
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SUMMARY.

Allahabad,	\$622 00
Calcutta,	65 00
Cawnpore,	95 00
Fatehpur,	313 10
Jhansi,	78 02
China,	10 00
Japan,	722 00
General Fund,	513 37
LINK Subscriptions,	3 00
Total,	\$2421 49

CLARA E. MASTERS, Ass't Treas.

FEBRUARY RECEIPTS OF PHILADELPHIA BRANCH.  
(Mrs. Wm. Waterall, Treas.)

Mrs. Wayne Zenana Society.

From Mr. and Mrs. Robert Le Boutillier, for Rescue Work at Fatehpur,	\$100 00
Through Mrs. Wm. Farr:	
Miss A. Randolph,	\$3 00
Mrs. A. Lewis Crozer, for Mary A. Stotesbury scholarship, \$30 00	
For General Work,	30 00
	60 00
Through Mrs. Geo. Erchy Shoemaker:	
Mrs. Randolph,	\$5 00
Miss M. Neslin,	3 00
Miss Benners,	1 00
	9 00
Through Mrs. B. Griffith:	
Mrs. Gustavus W. Knowles,	\$25 00
Mrs. B. Griffith,	10 00
	35 00
From Miss Mary Waters, incl. LINK,	1 50
Through Dr. A. L. Ernst towards horse and wagon for Jhansi:	
From Christian Endeavor Society, 13th St. M. E. Church,	\$15 77
From Mrs. Pfortercher,	1 00
St. Paul's R. E. Church,	3 75
	20 52
Interest on Miss Peters' Fund,	45 00
Interest on Harriet Holland Fund,	67 50
Interest on Mrs. Williams' Fund,	10 50
Interest on Miss C. L. Lindsay Fund,	5 62
Interest on Chas. G. Tower Fund,	7 88
Interest on Harriet Holland Fund,	3 75
Total,	\$369 27

JHANSI, INDIA.

ENDOWED BEDS

MARY S. ACKERMAN-HOYT AND MARIA ACKERMAN-HOYT MEMORIAL HOSPITALS

ENDOWMENT, \$600.

Mary S. Ackerman Hoyt—Her sister, Mrs. Maria A. Hoyt.	
Mary S. Ackermann Hoyt—Her sister, Mrs. Jeanie C. A. Bucknell.	
Mary S. Ackerman Hoyt—Her niece, Miss Emilie S. Coles.	
Maria Ackerman Hoyt—Her niece, Miss Emilie S. Coles.	
Mrs. Jeanie C. Ackerman Bucknell—Her niece, Miss Emilie S. Coles.	
Mrs. Caroline E. Ackerman Coles—Her daughter, Miss Emilie S. Coles.	
Mrs. Lavinia Agnes Dey,	} Anthony Dey.
Mrs. Mary B. Humphreys Dey,	
"In Memoriam"—A Sister.	
Eleanor S. Howard-Smith Memorial—Friends.	
Charles M. Taintor Memorial—A Friend.	
Mrs. R. R. Graves—Her daughter, Mrs. F. W. Owen.	
Associate Congregational Church, Baltimore.	
Mrs. A. L. Lowry.	
Peace—Mr. S. T. Dauchy.	
Annette R. Lapsley Memorial—Miss A. S. Lapsley.	
William H. Harris	} Their Children.
Mary A. Harris	
Mrs. Henry Johnson—Friends.	
Lavinia M. Brown—Mrs. Joseph E. Brown.	
Canadian—Canadian Friends.	
Jhansi—Friends in India.	
Ida Hamlin Webster Memorial—By her mother, Mrs. M. Jennette Hamlin.	
Dr. R. M. Wyckoff—Elizabeth Wyckoff Clark.	
Mrs. Geraldine S. Bastable Memorial—	
By her husband, Alvin N. Bastable.	
Fannie B. Robbins—By her sister, Mary R. Hoffman.	

FATEHPUR, INDIA.

ENDOWED BEDS

LILY LYTLÉ BROADWELL MEMORIAL HOSPITAL.

ENDOWMENT, \$600.

Opportunity—Mrs. Samuel J. Broadwell.	
Sarah Wallace Memorial—Mrs. Richard H. Allen.	
Hannah Amelia White—Mrs. M. Morris White.	
Jubilee Thank Offering—Board of Managers.	
Elizabeth Davis Espy—Mrs. W. W. Seely.	
Marie Haines Broadwell—Mrs. Charles Parsons.	
Juliet G. Church.	
Laura P. Halsted.	
Samuel J. Broadwell—Mrs. Samuel J. Broadwell.	
Josephine Lytle Foster—Mrs. Charles J. Livingood.	
Bertha Costello Gillespie—Mrs. Anna Costello Ropes.	
Susan Morris White—Mrs. Clarence Price.	
Sarah Doremus Hamilton—Mrs. Samuel J. Broadwell.	
Comfort—	
Isabella L. Ballantine.	
Elizabeth Ogden Nixon.	
Mrs. Geraldine S. Bastable Memorial—	
By her husband, Alvin N. Bastable.	
M. Morris White, "In Memoriam"—Mrs. M. M. White.	